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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Amended) An organizer, comprising:
a housing having a first end, a second end, and a channel extending along at least a portion of the housing between the first end and the second end,
the housing including at least one divider along at least a portion of the channel to partition the channel into at least two areas; and
a plurality of retaining members coupled to the housing using the channel, each retaining member comprising a pair of legs flexibly connected to each other at a curved portion that resiliently urges the legs apart [operable] to exert a retaining force upon one or more adjacent retaining members,
wherein the plurality of retaining members includes a hookless coupling segment conformal to the channel for coupling the retaining members to the housing, the legs of a retaining member being movable resiliently to close proximity to each other for insertion of the hookless coupling segment into the channel and for rotation therein to place the hookless coupling segment in retaining relation to the channel.
2. (Original) An organizer as set forth in claim 1, wherein the divider partitions the channel into a first area relatively wider than a second area.
3. (Original) An organizer as set forth in claim 1, further comprising end stops including a coupling segment conformal to the channel for coupling the end stops to the housing.
4. (Original) An organizer as set forth in claim 3, wherein the end stops are fixedly secured to the housing.
5. (Canceled)

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6. (Amended) An organizer as set forth in claim 3, wherein the end stops are movable ~~removable~~.

7. (Original) An organizer as set forth in claim 1, wherein the retaining members are removably coupled to the housing using the coupling segments.

8. (Original) An organizer as set forth in claim 7, wherein the coupling segments are operable to slide within the channel along at least a portion of the channel.

9. (Original) An organizer as set forth in claim 1, wherein a retaining member is operable to cooperate with an adjacent retaining member to secure an item placed between the retaining member and the adjacent retaining member.

10. (Amended) An organizer, comprising:
a housing having a first end, a second end, and a channel extending along at least a portion of the housing between the first end and the second end,
the housing including at least one divider along at least a portion of the channel to partition the channel into at least two areas; and
a plurality of retaining members coupled to the housing using the channel, each retaining member operable to exert a retaining force upon one or more adjacent retaining members,
wherein the plurality of retaining members includes a hookless coupling segment conformal to the channel for coupling the retaining members to the housing, and
~~[An organizer as set forth in claim 1,]~~ wherein the coupling segments are H-shape.

11. (Original) An organizer as set forth in claim 1, wherein the retaining member is a retaining member of flexible material including a first end and a second end.

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12. (Original) An organizer as set forth in claim 11, wherein the first end and the second end each including a hookless coupling segment conformal to the channel.

13. (Original) An organizer as set forth in claim 1, further comprising at least one movable stop positionable along the length of the housing.

14. (Original) An organizer as set forth in claim 13, further comprising means for holding the stop at a respective position along the length of the housing.

15. (Original) An organizer as set forth in claim 1, wherein corners of retaining members are curved.

16. (Original) An organizer for holding objects, comprising:
an elongated housing having generally H-shape channel therein,
an opening along a wall of the housing into the channel,
resilient retaining members having legs,
the legs of at least some adjacent retaining members provide a resilient force to urge the retaining members toward each other, and
the legs of the retaining members having generally H-shape coupling segments coupled to the housing using the channel for retention of the retaining members to the housing.

17. (Original) An organizer as set forth in claim 16, wherein the retaining members are removably coupled to the housing using the coupling segments.

18. (Original) An organizer as set forth in claim 16, wherein each leg includes a coupling segment having a first portion relatively wider than a second portion.

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19. (Original) An organizer as set forth in claim 16, wherein an end stop closes an end of the housing.

20. (Original) An organizer as set forth in claim 19, wherein the end stop maintains the resilient force between the retaining members.

21. (Original) An organizer as set forth in claim 16, further comprising at least one movable stop positionable along the length of the housing.

22. (Original) An organizer as set forth in claim 21, further comprising means for holding the stop at a respective position along the length of the housing.

23. (Original) An organizer as set forth in claim 16, wherein corners of retaining members are curved.

24. (Amended) A method of assembling an organizer that includes [; ~~comprising the steps of;~~
— ~~providing~~] a housing including a first end, a second end, and a channel extending along at least a portion of the housing between the first end and the second end, the channel having at least one divider along at least a portion of the channel to separate the channel into at least two areas; and
a plurality of retaining members having a pair of legs flexibly connected to each other at a curved portion that resiliently urges the legs apart to exert a retaining force upon one or more adjacent retaining members and a hookless coupling segment at the end of each leg conformal to the channel for coupling the retaining members to the housing.

the method comprising

coupling a plurality of retaining members to the housing using the channel, the coupling including the steps of:

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folding a retaining member about the curved portion [of flexible material including a first end and a second end upon itself] so as to place the ends of the pair of legs [~~first end and the second end~~] in close proximity [~~the first end and the second end each including a hookless coupling segment conformal to the channel~~];

inserting the ends of the pair of legs [~~first end and the second end~~] into the channel; and

rotating the retaining member to couple the hookless coupling segments in the channel thereby to hold [~~first end and the second end of~~] the retaining member in the channel.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Amended) A method as set forth in claim 24, further including the step of:

coupling an end stop to the housing at [~~using~~] the channel.

27. (New) The organizer as set forth in claim 1, wherein the legs of a retaining member connected in the channel are movable resiliently to close proximity to each other for rotation of the hookless coupling segment in the channel out of retaining relation to the channel to permit withdrawal of the hookless coupling segment from the channel.

28. (New) An organizer as set forth in claim 1, wherein the coupling segments are H-shape.

29. (New) An organizer as set forth in claim 28, wherein the channel has an H-shape generally open area to receive the H-shape coupling segments in retained relation therein.

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30. (New) An organizer as set forth in claim 10, wherein the divider partitions the channel into a first area relatively wider than a second area.

31. (New) An organizer as set forth in claim 10, further comprising end stops including a coupling segment conformal to the channel for coupling the end stops to the housing.

32. (New) An organizer as set forth in claim 31, wherein the end stops are movable.

33. (New) An organizer as set forth in claim 10, wherein a retaining member is operable to cooperate with an adjacent retaining member to secure an item placed between the retaining member and the adjacent retaining member.

34. (New) An organizer as set forth in claim 10, wherein the channel has an H-shape generally open area to receive the H-shape coupling segments in retained relation therein.

35. (New) An organizer as set forth in claim 10, further comprising at least one movable stop positionable along the length of the housing.

36. (New) An organizer as set forth in claim 35, further comprising means for holding the stop at a respective position along the length of the housing.

37. (New) An organizer as set forth in claim 10, wherein corners of retaining members are curved.

38. (New) An organizer, comprising:
a housing having a first end, a second end, and a channel extending along at least a portion of the housing between the first end and the second end,

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the housing including at least one divider along at least a portion of the channel to partition the channel into at least two areas; and

a plurality of retaining members coupled to the housing using the channel, each retaining member operable to exert a retaining force upon one or more adjacent retaining members,

wherein the plurality of retaining members includes a hookless coupling segment conformal to the channel for coupling the retaining members to the housing,

the hookless coupling segment being removable from and reinsertable into the channel at the front of the channel for, respectively, removal from and reattachment to the housing.